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"I am told that the keeping qualities of the bulb rubber are not good. I do not think that the Portuguese are very competent to decide that matter. The plant bears a pod full of seeds, so that if it proves of value seeds could be had in quantity." (*Woodside.*)

Distribution.—An herbaceous perennial, found in the vicinity of Lake Nyassa, in Central Africa.

25561. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.**Alfalfa.**

Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, S. Dak., while traveling as an agricultural explorer for the Department of Agriculture in 1908. Numbered for convenience in keeping records, June 9, 1909.

"(No. 248.) Plants of native alfalfa as grown by the Arabs in the oases of the Desert of Sahara. These I received at Biskra, Algiers, January, 1909." (*Hansen.*)

25580 to 25591. AVENA SATIVA L.**Oat.**

From Bucharest, Roumania. Presented by Hon. Horace G. Knowles, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary, American Legation. Received May 22, 1909.

The following seeds:

25580. *Duppau.*

25586. *Probstei.*

25581. *Anderbeck.*

25587. *Besseler No. 1.*

25582. *Mezdeag.*

25588. *Leutenitz.*

25583. *Bucium.*

25589. *Comun.*

25584. *Besseler No. 2.*

25590. *Besseler No. 3.*

25585. *Ligoro.*

25591. *Românesi selection.*

25592 and 25593.

From Sianfu, Shensi, China. Presented by Mr. D. C. Sowers, of the Carnegie Institute, Washington, D. C. Received March 31, 1909.

Seed of the following:

25592. *BRASSICA RAPA L.*

Turnip.

Large flat green.

25593. *RAPHANUS SATIVUS L.*

Radish

Red.

25594 and 25595. CUCURBITA PEPO L.**Squash.**

From Japan. Presented by Mr. J. R. Lawrence, Raynham, Mass. Received June 5, 1909.

The following seeds:

25594. *Chirimen.*

25595. *Rikusa.*

25596 to 25604. ORYZA SATIVA L.**Rice.**

From Port of Spain, Trinidad. Purchased from Mr. F. Evans, acting superintendent, botanical department, Department of Agriculture. Received June 8, 1909.